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This Bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, shows the monthly factory production in Victoria of certain commodities. For the purpose of the accompanying statistics a "factory" is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed or in which power other than hand is used. Monthly averages for the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 and monthly production for January to March 1953 and 1954 are shown.

Many of the items included here are shown in greater detail in other publications of the Bureau.

Figures of the production of each of the commodities listed are given up to the latest available month. Figures up to 1951-52 inclusive are taken from the Government Statist's annual factory returns wherever possible. It should be noted that in some cases annual returns are accepted from factories for periods other than those ending on June 30th, each year.

The scope of the Bulletin will be widened from time to time to include new information as it becomes available.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Statistics of the following items are collected by the Authorities shown. All other items are collected by the Commonwealth or State Statistician.

Superphosphate	Commonwealth Department of Commerce and Agriculture.
Black Coal	Joint Coal Board.
Gold	State Department of Mines.
Beer Tobacco, Cigars & Cigarettes	Commonwealth Department of Trade and Customs.
Sawn Native Timber	
	Forestry and Timber Bureau.

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Commodity	Unit	Monthly Averages				Ø Monthly Production					
		Year				1953			1954		
		1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	Ø1952-53	Jan.	Feb.	March	Jan.	Feb.	March
FUEL: Briquettes	ton	49,047	42,617	47,354	45,422	42,489	48,321	43,745	38,138	47,805	54,781
Black Coal	"	10,762	10,430	12,023	12,933	11,244	13,979	r 13,081	12,068	10,628	
Brown Coal	"	636,410	608,347	674,692	675,113	610,259	635,164	r664,767	632,434	651,871	
HEAT, LIGHT & POWER:											
Gas made in Gasworks	mill.cub.ft.	896	954	1,044	1,100	907	873	998	919	931	1,074
Total Electricity Generated	mill.k.w.h.	226	240	247	264	233	239	267	267	274	
BUILDING MATERIALS:											
Clay Bricks	'000	12,240	14,880	15,434	13,544	10,632	12,826	14,680	13,776	14,992	16,970
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	504	551	610	512	400	516	r 527	357	521	568
Roofing Tiles - Cement	'000	1,595	1,894	1,934	1,363	920	1,295	1,401	910	1,374	1,624
Terra Cotta	"	1,023	1,025	1,035	1,212	891	1,235	1,222	976	1,207	1,383
SAWN NATIVE TIMBER:	'000 sup.ft.	25,733	27,470	29,113	23,855	19,377	26,116	26,073	16,818	23,657	
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS											
Paints - Ready Mixed Paint	gal.	100,095	121,956	120,943	97,972	84,077	113,622	126,012	89,438	119,212	136,276
Lacquers (Nitro-Cell)	"	20,996	27,146	23,633	17,501	13,676	23,930	26,005	16,426	21,223	27,936
Thinners for Lacquers	"	30,603	37,738	39,165	37,487	31,541	47,491	40,258	36,396	42,125	45,923
Enamels (Nat. & Syn.)	"	42,821	39,130	48,464	44,055	33,241	44,867	r 53,399	40,776	49,606	59,716
Water Paints	'000 lb.	117	118	157	386	443	519	426	597	735	954
Soap - Household	cwt.	16,745	18,589	18,748	16,823	12,093	18,159	17,348	7,957	10,179	15,200
Toilet & Hand	"	3,798	4,650	4,519	3,748	3,586	4,602	2,392	1,781	2,885	4,363
Flakes & Chips	"	1,715	2,763	2,310	2,528	1,178	2,655	2,568	1,508	2,707	4,045
Industrial	"	2,523	5,268	3,148	2,726	2,027	3,116	3,233	1,949	3,160	3,096
Sand	"	750	1,120	890	661	321	268	466	539	785	919
Soft	"	522	650	729	568	446	392	736	641	613	647
Liquid	"	1,369	2,333	2,818	2,469	2,367	2,440	2,722	1,943	2,848	3,334
Extracts & Powders	"	22,265	25,782	32,485	30,883	23,861	34,240	36,541	18,304	31,016	41,119
Superphosphate	ton	52,069	51,257	52,750	47,616	36,563	39,983	55,124	47,529	51,660	69,242
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	"	19,836	20,165	20,234	18,538	14,174	16,957	21,964	19,164	20,684	25,744
METALS: - Gold (Mine Production)	fine oz.	5,532	5,809	5,343	5,812	4,447	6,169	6,761	4,525	6,099	6,545
PERAMBULATORS: (Inc.Pushers & Strollers)	number	4,051	4,577	3,277	3,823	2,519	3,966	4,610	2,736	4,317	4,962

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		Year				1953			1954		
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MATTRESSES:											
Woven Wire, Link Mesh & Spring (a)	Number	5,694	6,158	6,679	7,659	4,998	9,310	10,428	5,685	7,722	8,672
Inner Spring	"	5,115	6,619	7,725	9,384	7,668	10,962	11,581	7,805	11,367	12,913
Soft Filled	"	9,974	10,950	9,027	8,310	6,222	9,095	9,678	3,518	5,770	7,453
Rubber	"								725	944	1,012
Other	"								522	1,016	1,639
ENGINES: - Other than Marine - Petrol and Other Light Oils-2 H.P. and under 6 H.P.	"	383	379	371	360	293	515	411	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
ELECTRIC MOTORS: (b)											
Under 1 H.P.	"	4,971	6,549	8,260	7,764	4,668	7,866	7,990	7,727	12,946	13,658
1 H.P. and under 2½ H.P.	"	828	734	610	434	503	219	451	319	570	863
2½ " " " 5 H.P.	"	429	371	312	167	170	132	222	101	210	265
5 " " " 10 H.P.	"	122	178	172	103	58	121	214	38	119	127
10 " and over	"	43	42	52	43	19	47	43	27	43	36
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES:											
Toasters (Domestic)	"	7,370	6,991	7,308	6,021	4,793	7,236	7,512	5,537	5,061	6,049
Hot Water Jugs (Complete)	"	12,431	11,953	12,437	6,852	3,441	9,782	9,637	6,459	9,005	11,774
Radios and Radiograms	"	8,181	10,956	7,639	7,803	5,327	8,215	10,142	6,692	8,360	10,940
Domestic Clothes Washing Machines	"	n.a.	364	624	699	385	745	914	793	965	1,308
BUILDING FITTINGS:											
Stoves - Solid Fuel	"	1,115	1,360	1,307	1,094	634	1,040	1,061	652	947	1,220
Gas	"	1,393	1,357	1,107	900	650	873	1,000	596	810	970
Coppers - Gas	"	810	836	577	533	359	628	688	300	471	553
Electric	"	326	840	468	226	n.a.	192	368	206	322	268
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel	"	798	794	752	528	328	480	639	354	435	549
Gas	"	850	717	551	557	401	613	537	477	589	721
Electric	"	41	370	263	241	140	230	278	147	191	260
Sink Heaters - Electric	"	467	750	476	348	205	271	363	354	517	344
Sinks, Stainless Steel	"	4,160	5,362	5,744	5,934	3,770	5,707	6,337	4,326	6,098	7,848
PEDAL CYCLES: (made and/or assembled)	"	n.a.	3,874	2,348	2,149	1,334	2,419	2,442	1,585	1,915	2,316
FLOOR COVERINGS:											
Wool Felt & Carpets	'000 sq.yds.	132	137	192	148	83	161	147	84	191	208

- (a) Figures prior to 1951-52 do not include mattresses made and incorporated in stretchers and folding beds.
 (b) Figures include all motors made and incorporated in other products of the manufacturers.

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COTTON SEWING THREAD: (counts over 12)	lb.	45,695	64,461	69,657	53,549	38,656	55,974	60,180	40,251	65,802	84,708
COTTON TEXTILES: Cotton Tweeds	sq.yd.	80,017	81,702	80,705	51,270	21,137	36,119	47,678	55,963	89,278	111,882
Drills, Jeans, etc.	"	244,296	220,175	298,027	285,126	182,464	255,078	243,959	252,171	348,974	395,246
WOOL: Scoured and carbonised wool	'000 lb.	5,492	4,679	3,973	4,059	3,488	4,174	4,954	3,913	4,027	5,281
Wool Tops	"	1,132	1,100	792	861	574	931	1,053	565	1,050	1,356
Yarn - Worsted	"	1,055	990	775	858	578	941	1,009	679	1,143	1,309
Woollen	"	1,188	1,121	863	812	547	914	901	636	1,024	1,080
WOOL TEXTILES: Woven Cloth - Worsted	'000 sq.yds.	663	671	528	487	324	516	r 542	407	552	656
Woollen	"	826	702	564	590	459	737	731	r 451	699	745
Other (a)	"	211	234	127	167	125	189	229	160	211	252
Blankets	number	89,181	98,667	64,046	43,537	20,780	43,549	44,446	29,783	44,954	61,991
Rugs	"	5,857	5,536	3,652	4,043	1,164	2,361	3,686	2,608	5,003	5,349
HOSIERY: Women's, Maids' & Girls'											
Full-Fashioned	doz.pr.	79,907	84,462	90,772	108,938	65,268	105,046	125,864	86,002	115,112	142,391
Circular	"	7,173	7,041	5,178	8,725	4,867	10,923	12,263	7,747	13,087	15,423
Anklets	"	23,321	24,391	21,018	29,057	18,933	29,967	r36,942	24,677	40,935	57,145
Men's & Boys'	"	80,459	103,649	96,302	107,792	69,507	110,108	r111,968	85,748	114,259	141,706
Children's	"	38,399	34,034	31,096	27,891	16,415	30,954	33,760	22,673	35,328	43,924
KNITTED UNDERWEAR (b): Men's and Boys'	doz.	)	(	48,286	38,772	23,536	33,130	36,723	34,608	49,324	58,461
Women's & Girls'	"	)121,486	136,674	(	92,352	74,047	48,009	71,343	81,075	64,133	93,125
Infants' & Babywear	"	)	(	2,177	1,677	1,188	2,168	1,488	1,707	3,085	2,444
FOUNDATION GARMENTS: Corsets	"	3,581	4,686	4,703	5,393	3,038	5,256	5,647	4,235	6,794	7,751
Corselets	"	627	440	542	308	183	366	302	201	255	422
Brassieres	"	13,525	15,887	17,290	13,903	8,891	14,752	r18,423	13,033	19,021	24,040
CLOTHING (except knitted):											
Shirts - Men's and Boys'	"	25,888	26,585	29,297	23,886	7,900	20,892	r24,992	14,656	29,447	39,960
Pyjama Suits - Men's and Boys'	"	6,496	5,471	6,442	5,312	2,650	6,564	6,757	3,684	7,066	9,765
GLOVES (not rubber): Dress - Leather	doz.pr.	2,268	1,792	1,087	1,718	1,213	1,836	2,096	318	464	584
Other	"	2,154	2,889	3,003	4,191	2,652	3,923	2,979	3,881	4,499	5,698
Work	"	1,204	1,209	1,710	1,231	635	1,290	1,264	884	1,630	2,330
FOOTWEAR (not rubber): Boots & Shoes	'000 pr.	604	678	663	647	386	617	662	426	628	759
Sandals	"	64	80	65	39	19	23	11	65	70	36
Slippers	"	356	355	309	282	216	291	302	185	363	387
FUR FELT HATS (Complete): Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,613	3,420	2,783	2,284	1,382	2,018	2,751	1,062	2,112	2,792

(a) Includes Worsted and Woollen Mixtures and other mixtures predominantly of Wool.

(b) Made in knitting mills until June 1952. Thereafter includes underwear made from knitted piece goods.

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		Year				1953			1954		
		1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	Jan.	Feb.	March	Jan.	Feb.	March
FOOD, DRINK & TOBACCO:											
Flour (from Wheat)	short ton	37,315	37,407	46,600	49,226	49,776	45,622	42,791	33,134	32,089	36,459
Bran (from Wheat)	"	7,466	7,259	9,136	9,334	9,375	8,779	8,012	6,029	6,689	7,231
Pollard (from Wheat)	"	7,658	7,424	9,336	10,515	11,151	9,630	9,151	6,607	6,740	7,472
Biscuits	'000 lb.	2,786	2,818	3,327	3,151	2,135	3,430	3,230	2,257	3,268	3,982
Confectionery - Chocolate Basis	"	2,666	2,221	1,898	1,755	997	1,437	1,754	1,097	1,560	2,318
Other	"	2,128	2,100	2,317	2,244	1,584	2,054	2,247	1,390	2,044	2,515
Beef and Veal	ton	10,384	11,384	11,437	10,177	9,383	10,068	11,203	11,317	11,963	13,970
Lamb	"	5,582	3,917	3,686	4,914	4,133	2,946	3,311	5,133	2,978	3,277
Mutton	"	6,773	4,670	5,396	7,689	11,204	11,292	9,669	10,445	10,134	8,253
Pork	"	554	633	726	583	492	526	710	533	583	657
Bacon & Ham (Cured Weight) (a)	"	661	659	747	678	531	584	631	517	509	574
Total Meat (in terms of fresh) (a)	"	24,401	21,500	22,261	24,332	25,956	25,649	25,773	28,131	26,350	26,938
Butter (factory only)	"	5,249	4,832	4,936	4,772	6,755	4,808	3,624	6,854	5,332	4,823
Cheese (factory only)	"	1,766	1,881	1,853	1,876	2,745	1,804	1,234	2,907	2,018	1,663
Processed Milk Products -											
Condensed Full-Cream Milk - Sweetened	'000 lb.	7,076	6,796	7,358	6,231	8,658	5,488	4,810	6,015	4,616	4,101
Unsweetened	"				1,657	1,827	1,463	1,751	n.a.	n.a.	1,515
Powdered Full-Cream Milk	"	2,803	2,165	2,232	2,221	2,893	1,751	1,223	2,683	2,021	1,563
Other Processed Wholemilk Products (b)	"	1,289	1,799	1,978	1,435	2,387	1,852	1,788	3,469	2,403	2,221
Ice Cream	'000 gals.	328	429	407	342	628	517	478	688	458	369
Beer (including Waste Beer)	"	4,143	4,434	4,706	5,056	6,057	5,462	5,584	6,236	4,353	6,927
Oatmeal & Rolled or Crushed Oats	cwt.	15,128	13,478	10,273	13,171	7,902	15,007	22,670	10,872	17,183	24,153
Prepared Breakfast Foods (from Wheat)	"	12,222	11,018	11,674	11,314	10,105	12,646	11,367	9,010	11,285	12,728
Edible Starch (Maize and Wheat)	"	7,997	7,799	8,237	7,053	5,756	7,839	8,264	8,095	9,021	9,876
Margarine - Table	"	1,569	886	1,308	1,465	674	601	817	1,014	1,216	1,794
Other	"	6,926	5,507	6,973	5,506	3,219	4,105	5,206	2,389	5,116	5,542
Malt - Barley & Wheaten	'000 (c)	307	309	327	347	303	291	345	288	319	401
Jams, Conserves & Jellies (d)	'000 lb.	5,917	5,848	4,827	3,401	10,716	7,018	3,522	8,878	8,902	5,703
Canned Apricots, Peaches, Pears (d)	"	7,954	8,511	10,368	9,273	12,513	22,087	55,384	21,859	29,694	71,406
Green Peas	"	225	282	383	239	70	n.a.	n.a.	..	n.a.	n.a.
Tomatoes	"	377	237	403	194	n.a.	750	1,179	..	71	231
Other Vegetables	"	1,572	2,355	2,615	1,002	699	482	783	688	711	521
Tomato Juice	'000 gals.	34	13	50	101	319	398	383	3	158	175
Sauce	"	136	130	134	111	65	224	262	65	105	161
Soup	"	176	206	266	154	51	402	560	n.a.	377	659
Tobacco, Cigars & Cigarettes	'000 lb.	869	914	1,004	981	926	1,051	1,093	973	1,051	

(a) From February, 1953 onwards, pressed and canned bacon and ham have been converted to bone-in weight.

(b) Includes Infants' and Invalids' Food. (c) Bushels of 40 lb. (d) Includes Tasmanian Production.